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SUBJ: ARREST OF TERRORISTS

1. SUMMARY. ISRAELIS ARE CONTINUING TO ROUND UP TERRORIST SUSPECTS IN WAKE OF JULY 4 ZION SQUARE BOMBING AND APPREHENSION OF TWO CARRYING BOMB AT BEN GURION AIRPORT JULY 18. TERRORIST GROUPS REPORTEDLY CAUGHT IN TULKAREM, NABLUS AND RAMALLAH. SEVERAL HOUSES OF THOSE ARRESTED HAVE BEEN DESTROYED OR SEALED BY SECURITY FORCES. FEW ADDITIONAL INCIDENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO THE JULY 22 JERUSALEM POST, ISRAELI ARMY AND SECURITY SOURCES REPORT ARREST IN PAST FEW DAYS OF 33 ARABS BELONGING TO THREE DIFFERENT WEST BANK TERRORIST GROUPS. NINE MEMBERS OF ONE GROUP FROM THE TULKAREM AREA WERE ARRESTED AFTER THREE OF THEM ADMITTED PLACING BOBOY-TRAPPED BICYCLE ON NATANYA STREET LAST WEEK. SAME GROUP ALLEGEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PLACING TIME BOMB NEAR BEIT LIDD INTERSECTION ON JULY 6. POST ALLEGES THAT RING WAS CONNECTED WITH NATIONAL STRUGGLE FRONT SUPPORTED BY IRAQ.

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3. SECOND GROUP OF 13 WERE ARRESTED IN BEIT ALMA REFUGEE CAMP NEAR NABLUS AFTER DETENTION OF TWO NABLUS RESIDENTS CAUGHT

JULY 18 ATTEMPTING TO SMUGGLE EXPLOSIVES INTO BEN GURION AIRPORT. GROUP ALLEGEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR A NUMBER OF SABOTAGE ACTS OVER PAST TWO YEARS. THEY ARE SUSPECTED OF BEING MEMBERS OF FATAH AND PFLP. FOUND IN THEIR POSSESSION WERE EXPLOSIVES, DETONATORS, A PISTOL AND MATERIAL FOR MAKING MOLOTOV COCKTAILS. THEY ARE ALSO ACCUSED OF DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS URGING ARABS NOT TO WORK IN ISRAEL.

4. THIRD GROUP OF 11 FROM RAMALLAH AREA REPORTED TO HAVE CONFESSED TO LARGE NUMBER OF PREVIOUSLY UNSOLVED TERRORIST AND SABOTAGE INCIDENTS, INCLUDING PLACING OF BOOBY-TRAPPED CIGARETTE BOXES IN JERUSALEM APPARTMENT BUILDINGS, AND TIME BOMBS IN JERUSALEM BUS STATION, IN A REHOVOT APARTMENT BUILDING, IN A RAMALLAH BANK, AND ON JERUSALEM-TEL AVIV RAILROAD TRACK.

5. IN ADDITION TO CONTINUING ARRESTS AND DETENTION OF SUSPECTS FOR QUESTIONING, GOI HAS REACTED TO TERRORIST ACTIVITY BY DESTROYING THREE HOUSES AND SEALING TWO IN DOURA VILLAGE (HEBRON DISTRICT) JULY 6 AND DESTROYING FOURTH JULY 15. HOUSE IN NABLUS BELONGING TO ONE OF THOSE ARRESTED AT AIRPORT JULY 18 ALSO SEALED AFTER EXPLOSIVES REPORTEDLY FOUND STORED THERE. LOCAL ARABIC PRESS HAS REPORTED HUNGER STRIKE BY SOME OF DETAINEES IN NABLUS LAST WEEK, AND SIT-DOWN PROTEST BY THEIR RELATIVES AGAINST PROLONGED DETENTION WITHOUT CHARGE OR TRIAL.

6. RECENT RELATIVELY MINOR INCIDENTS REPORTED IN PRESS INCLUDE JULY 7 INJURY TO SHEPHERD WHO FOUND "OLD BOMB" NEAR NEVE YA'ACOV, JEWISH HOUSING DEVELOPMENT NORTH OF JERUSALEM; THAT EXPLODED IN HIS HANDS, EXPLOSIVE CHARGE FOUND ON HEBRON ROAD IN SOUTH JERUSALEM AND SAFELY DISMANTLED JULY 10; SMALL CHARGE THAT EXPLODED JULY 15 IN RAMALLAH UNDER CAR OWNED BY MANAGER OF LOCAL BANK LEUMI BRANCH, DAMAGING CAR BUT CAUSING NO INJURIES, AND JULY 19, GRENADE THROWN AT MILITARY JEED PATROL IN CENTRAL NABLUS WHICH, HOWEVER, FAILED TO EXPLODE.

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